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LAYOUT OF MANUFACTURING CELLS

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**AUTHORIZATION TO ACCEPT REPLY MAILED MAY 14, 2004  
TO OFFICE ACTION DATED MARCH 30, 2004**

Sir:

We are informed that the Examiner requires proof of authority for Mr. George A. Grove to act in a representative capacity under 37 CFR 1.34(a) to respond to the Office Action dated March 30, 2004.

Applicant's attorney hereby respectfully requests the acceptance of the reply mailed May 14, 2004 by Mr. George A. Grove, which was submitted in a timely manner, as being fully responsive to the Office Action dated March 30, 2004.

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